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FLOOD WARNING

- 16,000 cusecs water released from Kabini Reservoir today
- 4,750 cusecs water released from Harangi yesterday

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (KS, SD & Manju)- The Office of the Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), Kabini Reservoir Division at H.D. Kote taluk in the district, has issued flood warning as large quantity of water from the Kabini Reservoir would be released this morning.

The CNNL has urged people living in the banks of the river and in low-lying areas to shift to safer places and take precautionary measures for safety and security of their lives, properties and the livestock.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar has stated that 15,000 cusecs of water has been released this morning which could go up to 16,000 cusecs.

(See FLOOD on page 7)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	372
Total positive cases	:	5,192
Discharges yesterday	:	374
Total discharges	:	2,066
Deaths yesterday	:	13
Total deaths	:	174
Total active cases	:	2,952

New COVID Test Centre at Town Hall

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (MTY&SD)- In an effort to encourage people to voluntarily get tested for COVID-19, the Mysuru District Administration has opened a new swab-collection centre at Town Hall in city which has begun its operation since yesterday.

The newly opened swab-collection centre is now available to public where anyone with symptoms can just walk in, register their names and give swab samples for testing, all for free of cost. On the first day yesterday, the centre witnessed good response from people and five people have been tested positive on the first day itself at this new testing facility.

Any person with symptoms such as cough, cold and fever can visit the swab-collection centre at Town Hall and get tested for COVID-19. Two help desks have been established comprising two nurses and three other staff members to collect samples for random testing.

(See TOWN HALL on page 7)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 4th August 2020

Online workshop on 'Career Opportunities and Guidance'

Mysuru, Aug. 4- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, conducted a three-day online workshop on 'Career Opportunities and Guidance' post COVID-19. The Department of Civil Engineering organised the workshop, sponsored by the Technical Education Quality ImprovementProgramme(TEQIP-III).

The workshop aimed at providing deep insight about MNCs, PSUs and higher institutes to students who were sensitised on various career opportunities available in the field of Civil Engineering. More than 130 students attended the online workshop inaugurated by the Dean Academics Dr. M. S. Ganeshprasad.

On Day-1, Dr. H.S. Prasanna, Professor and TPAC Chairman, NIE, explained the types of internship and taught students how an internship opportunity has to be searched in online and offline platform.

H. V. Nagesh, Founder Director, CSSE, Mysuru, discussed career guidelines for Civil Engineers and shared his experience in construction industry.

On Day-2, Anand. M. Hulagabali, Assistant Professor, NIE, discussed the post-graduation opportunities in India and abroad. Also he discussed the various Government sector job avenues.

Aswath Bhargava, Saadhana Engineering and Business Consulting Services, Bengaluru, explained the gap between academia and industry. He presented various soft skills which students can update during internship and placement training.

On Day-3, Dr. C.H. Solanki, Professor, NIT, Surat, Gujarat, presented the various opportunities in Civil Engineering, to make a right choice post completion of the degree. He also taught how to create jobs according to societal requirements.

Harish Machia, Principal Associate-Idental Management Consultancy, Mysuru, motivated students in building body language and to develop strong communication skills through reading, writing and interaction on social platforms.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr. H. S. Prasanna, Prof. Anand M. Hulagabali, Assistant Professor and R. Vedaprada, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department. N. Roopa, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, was the Organising Secretary, according to a press release from Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal.

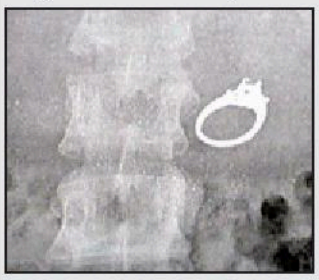
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The New Education Policy (NEP) brings welcome change on some fronts: It has envisioned multidisciplinary learning in higher education, mooted a common college entrance test in place of today's cacophony of exams, and promised spending on education at 6% of GDP. But the policy has taken a controversial stand on the medium of instruction: The government has said that it would like the medium of instruction to be in the student's mother-tongue (or regional language) until at least Class 5. This is not new. India has been seeing a long-running battle against English on misplaced sentimental grounds, including national pride and anti-colonial fury. More recently, the war on English has become a cornerstone of populist politics. Even as early as the 1950s, English was a bone of contention. Against much resentment at the time, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru fought to include English as one of India's official languages. In the decades that followed, that policy reaped dividends. As much as people hate the British Empire, English is today the only really global language; it dictates global business, politics and even knowledge creation. The war on English might make political sense, but it betrays India's natural economic strengths. And that's bad news for India's demographic dividend.

— Mohamed Zeeshan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman dreams of eating engagement ring — she really did it



California: A woman, who had dreamed of eating her diamond engagement ring when some bad guys appeared to steal it in her dream, woke up from her dream to find out that she had really swallowed the ring.

Jenna Evans, the woman, was deep asleep on Tuesday night when she dreamed that she and her fiancé, Bobby, were on a high-speed train facing off with "bad guys" and during the fight Bobby told her she had to swallow her engagement ring to protect it from them,

Evans said "When I woke up in the morning, there was no ring on my finger. I couldn't help but laugh at it and then I had to wake my fiance up and tell him that I had swallowed my engagement ring."

Evans went to an urgent care clinic where doctors decided against letting the ring pass naturally through the 29-year-old's system, and instead referred her to a gastroenterologist.

Chefs in lockdown protest after virus strips them of income

Moscow: Russian restaurant owners stripped of their income by the coronavirus lockdown are campaigning for their businesses to be allowed to reopen by posting pictures of themselves naked on social media.

Their demand is for authorities to allow them to start serving clients as the country gradually eases measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

"We are naked because we are left with nothing," said Arthur Galaychyuk, owner of the Relab Family bar chain in the city of Kazan, whose 20 employees took part in the campaign.

The Russian capital plans to allow cafes and restaurants to open their outside terraces later in June before reopening fully from June 23.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How long does it take an average person to urinate?

The average human's bladder takes about 20 seconds to empty. Remarkably, it has been learned that all large mammals take about the same amount of time to urinate. Even an elephant empties its bladder in 22 seconds, at the rate of 1.5 gallons per second.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Team Installed

Jyotsna *Mamatha* *Archana* *Uma*

Suhana *Roopa* *Pallavi* *Gowri* *Ramya*

Mysuru, Aug. 4- The Installation Ceremony of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore was held virtually on July 23. Jyotsna R. Irani was installed as the President along with her new team.

On the occasion, the Club Bulletin "Vani Vilasa" was released by Past District Chairman Swarna Chittaranjan.

This year the Association's theme "Lead the Change" is very relevant in today's circumstances. Inner Wheel Club of Mysore constantly works on making a difference in people's lives and this year will focus on underprivileged women, children and pourakarmikas.

To commemorate the day, 100 saplings were planted and a contribution was made towards "Reach Out India," an NGO helping women in slums with menstrual health and hygiene.

The Club has many projects in the pipeline and is also in communication with the MCC to help in their COVID-19 related activity.

The new office-bearers for the year 2020-21 are: Jyotsna Raian Irani (President), Mamatha Mohan (Imm. Past President), Archana Mukund (Vice-President), Uma Mahesh (Secretary), Suhana Alva (Jt. Secretary), Roopa Nitin (Treasurer), Pallavi Arun (ISO), Gowri Gokul (Editor) and Ramya Ashok (HOPE Coordinator), according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***Peppers are great even if most people use them as a spice rather than using them as a food. A little known fact about cayenne peppers is that they can promote the clotting of blood over wounds. According to experts, you can sprinkle some cayenne pepper into a wound where it will act as gauze. This will help stop the bleeding. Eating cayenne pepper can also help equalise blood pressure and promote clotting from the inside. That means it doesn't matter if you eat it or literally put it on the wound, it will help it heal faster.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son: *"Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"* ***"But why, Mom? I don't want to go."*** *"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."* ***"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"*** *"Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."* ***"Give me two reasons why I should go to school."*** *"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.11
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.44
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.37

VOICE OF THE READER

On a Bullet Train Ride in Japan

Sir,

Reading Vikram Muthanna's article ***"Train's coming...Mysore changing"*** in his column *"In Black & White"* published in *SOM* dated Aug.1, I am reminded of my experience of riding a Bullet Train in Japan.

In April 2014, we went on a short holiday to Japan. After sightseeing in Japanese capital Tokyo we wanted to experience the famed Bullet Train. Our local guide helped us board a local train which took us to the Tokyo Main Station from where we boarded the Bullet Train.

We had heard stories of how Japanese train always ran on time and were looking forward to see if it arrives on the dot. Our train was supposed to arrive at 9.15 am and it did exactly on the dot. It seems per year on an average Japanese trains are delayed just by 39 seconds!

Once the train started, the ticket examiner appeared at the doorway and first thing he did was bow (equivalent of our *Namaste)*. Then he made an announcement and bowed again!

He then went to each seat, bowed, checked the ticket and as he returned the ticket, he bowed again. After checking the tickets of all the passengers in this compartment, he walked all the way to the front, turned around and bowed once again as he thanked us before moving to the next compartment!

The ride was excellent and it took less than two-and-a-half hours to travel 510 kms with three two-minute stops!

In spite of the speed, we did not feel any vibrations but felt like we were gliding on air. As expected we arrived on time.

It was obvious to us, with the packed trains, that it had aided in urban sprawl as much as economic boom so we Mysureans should be cautious about how our city develops as the new airport, high speed train and ten-lane highway brings in more people and industries into our city. As the article says — Development is inevitable, but chaotic development should not be acceptable.

—U.B. Acharya
Jayalakshmipuram
2.8.2020

BJP top brass mulls on appointing BSY as Maharashtra Governor

Yediyurappa

Raghavendra Vijayendra

Bengaluru, Aug. 4 (KMS)- With the BJP Central leadership said to be seriously considering change of leadership in the State, the party top brass is reportedly working on a gubernatorial position for B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) and post him as Maharashtra Governor.

According to reliable sources, Yediyurappa is likely to be replaced as Karnataka CM after Aug.15 and will in all probability, be appointed as the Governor of neighbouring Maharashtra.

In order to placate Yediyurappa, the party top brass is said to be considering inducting BSY's elder son B.Y. Raghavendra, the MP from Shivamogga in the Union Cabinet and field his (BSY) younger son B.Y. Vijayendra from Shikaripura Assembly segment after Yediyurappa quits the seat. Incidentally, Vijayendra was recently appointed as one of the ten Vice-Presidents of the State BJP.

The BJP Central leadership is reportedly looking for an alternative leader having leadership qualities akin to Yediyurappa in the BJP camp from Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, to which the CM belongs to, the sources further said.

BSY's son prays for his hospitalised father

Bengaluru, Aug. 4- A day after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa got admitted to a private Hospital in Bengaluru after he tested symptomatic for the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, his elder son B.Y. Raghavendra, BJP MP from Shivamogga, offered special prayers to the family deity at Huchhurayaswamy temple in Shikaripura town yesterday, seeking speedy recovery of his father and all others undergoing treatment for the pandemic. Raghavendra was accompanied by local party leaders.

Dedicated COVID Enquiry Call Centre for MCC staff

'Televerification and Communication Team' set up for well-being of Mysuru City Corporation employees

Volunteers at work at the COVID Enquiry Call Centre in Town Hall yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (MTY&BCT)- If West Bengal Government has formed a unique "Coronavirus Disease Warrior Club" comprising patients who have recovered from the viral infection and who are deployed in Hospitals treating COVID-19 patients, the Mysuru District Administration has also set up a dedicated Call Centre for COVID warriors in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Day in and day out, the MCC employees — be it 2,700-strong Pourakarmikas or over 600 staff working in various sections — are in the frontline of COVID-19 fight and they stand exposed to the virus. Despite taking precautions, these frontline champions are exposed to such conditions at work that their health needs to be monitored constantly as they come in contact with people on a daily basis.

Realising this need, the District Administration has set up 'Televerification and Communication Team' that is tasked with monitoring the health of MCC personnel — both on ground and at offices. The telecalling facility has been set up at Town Hall and has been formed on the lines of COVID Contact Tracing Team, Telemedicine Monitoring Team and COVID-positive Persons Shifting Team.

Well-being enquired

There are four volunteers functioning in the team under the guidance of MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju. Every day, each team member makes 80 to 100 calls. They call each MCC staff member including Pourakarmikas (contract and regular) and enquire about their health.

Questions on their day-to-day health are asked along with enquiries about symptoms of fever, cold and breathlessness. Other questions also include about general diseases they are facing like hypertension, TB, diabetes and heart ailments.

If they are having COVID symptoms or any other serious illness, an exclusive phone number is given to them so that their swabs are collected and tested free of cost. Details of symptomatic patients are passed on to the District Health Officer (DHO) for follow-up action.

Two of the volunteers have medical background while one is a NSS volunteer. All of them are good at communication and persuasion skills. Esha, a first year MBBS student from Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences is one of the volunteers. She had come to Mysuru to her Vidyaranyapuram residence in March and then the lockdown was imposed. With no college, she enrolled as a volunteer.

An internship-like work

She was given preference as she was pursuing her MBBS and has knowledge about the diseases including COVID-19. After much convincing her parents, Esha became a volunteer. "This work as a volunteer is like my internship and it will be a practice for handling emergency services. It will give me exposure to patient-handling during a pandemic and also improves my coordination skills," she told *Star of Mysore*.

When Esha joined the 'Televerification and Communication Team', information was exchanged with the students of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). "Since I had some basic knowledge in the field, it was helpful. Additional reading also helped," she added.

Spandana, also a first year MBBS student from Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, is another volunteer. Her house is in Krishnamurthypuram and she is happy that she has been chosen a volunteer for the team. "We interact with MCC staff, making sure they don't lose touch with life in the time of social distancing and quarantined existence. Their well-being is important," she says.

Other volunteers are T.V. Roopa, a Second BBA student from Maharani's College and Niranjan from JSS College, Ooty Road. Both have experience in social service and Niranjan is an NSS volunteer. The District Administration has provided them with SIM card and protective equipment including masks and gloves. They sit at their desk and make calls without going to the field.

Meanwhile three more voluteers — Kiran, Rakshith and Sachin Raj — joined the COVID Enquiry Call Centre today.

Volunteers making enquiry calls this morning.

NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply today and Aug. 6

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted today and Aug. 6 in the following areas: Aug. 4- 10 am and 6 pm: Aniketana road 1st to 10th cross roads, Jnanaganga School G and H Blocks, EWS Kuvempunagar, Adichunchanagiri and surrounding areas. Aug. 6 - 9 am and 5 pm-Nanjangud Power Distribution Centre: Nanjangud town, Kallahalli Industrial Area, Nestle, AT&S, Devirammanahalli, Debur, Devarasanahalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Animal Adoption

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: B.R. Gangadhar, Bengaluru – two Peacocks, two Indian Cobras and two Australian Rainbow Lorikeets (Rs. 15,000); Mridulatha Kshemakari, daughter of Dayanand Kshemakari - White Peacock, Common Peafowl, Star Tortoise, Barn Owl (Rs.12,500); Jyoti Gouda, Uttara Kannada District - Golden Pheasant (Rs.3,500).

College Admission

Yuvaraja College has invited applications from eligible students for admission to first-year BSc, BCA and BBA courses, for 2020-21. Last date is extended to Aug. 10 for submission of applications online by paying a fee of Rs. 200. Students can download applications from http://ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in/ and submit the filled in forms along with copies of necessary documents and DD taken from a nationalised bank for Rs. 200 before Aug. 10. For details, visit http://ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in/ or contact Ph: 0821-2419292 or 2419240.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	105.70 ft
Yesterday	105.68 ft
Inflow	5,056 cusecs
Outflow	4,713 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,279.28 ft
Inflow	10,564 cusecs
Outflow	3,521 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.67 ft
Inflow	5,486 cusecs
Outflow	5,482 cusecs

Mysuru reports 372 new COVID cases, 13 deaths on Aug. 3

Mandya sees 152 new COVID cases, Kodagu reports 39 and Chamarajanagar sees 52 new cases and one death

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (KS)- Mysuru district has reported 372 new COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total positives in the district to 5,192, according to the media bulletin received last evening.

A total of 2,066 patients have been discharged so far including 374 patients yesterday and 13 COVID related deaths were reported. There are a total of 2,952 active cases in the district till yesterday evening and 174 deaths.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

Mandya

The district has reported 152 new COVID cases bringing the total number of positives to 1,909. As many as 1,053 patients have been discharged so far including 44 patients yesterday and the COVID related deaths so far is 14. There are 842 active cases in the district now.

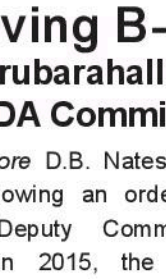
Kodagu

Thirty-nine new COVID cases were reported yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases in the district to 506. A total of 320 patients have been discharged so far including 32 patients yesterday and the total active cases in the district is 177. Nine COVID related deaths have been reported so far.

Chamarajanagar

The district has reported 52 new COVID cases yesterday and the total positives so far are 795. As many as 494 patients have been discharged so far including 31 patients yesterday and the total active cases in the district is 291. With one COVID related death reported yesterday, the death toll so far is 10.

MDJA sealed down after former CM tests COVID positive

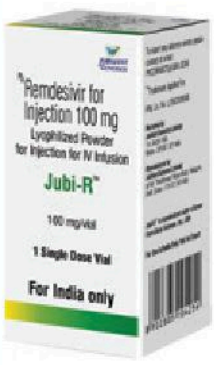


Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RKB &KS)- The Office of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) on Tyagaraja Road has been sealed down for three days from today after former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who had held an interaction with the media on Aug. 1, tested positive for COVID yesterday.

The MDJA Office would be disinfected for three days and press meets at MDJA would resume after that.

Meanwhile, former CM Siddharamaiah in his tweet this morning has stated: "I have tested positive for COVID-19 and also been admitted to the hospital on the advice of doctors as a precaution. I request all those who had come in contact with me to check out for symptoms and to quarantine themselves."

Jubilant launches 'JUBI-R' (remdesivir) for COVID-19 treatment in India



Mysuru, Aug. 4- Jubilant Life Sciences Limited, an integrated global pharmaceutical and life sciences company, has announced that its subsidiary, Jubilant Generics Limited (Jubilant), has launched remdesivir for injection under the brand name 'JUBI-R' in the Indian market at a price of Rs. 4,700 per vial of 100 mg (lyophilized injection).

The Company will make the drug available to over 1,000 Hospitals providing COVID-19 treatment in India through its distribution network.

In order to increase accessibility of 'JUBI-R' to patients below the poverty line and to frontline paramedical staff, Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation of Jubilant Group, is launching unique programmes in India aimed at distribution of the drug.

It may recalled that remdesivir initially was being sold in the black market at exorbitant prices but with more Pharmacy company producing this drug this menace is expected to stop. The drug now is being manufactured by two pharmaceutical company Cipla and Hetro drugs. Now Jubilant too will be producing it. In the coming month another pharmaceutical company Mylan is also expected to to launch their version of remdesivir.

Process of removing B-Kharab classification from Kurubarahalli Sy. No.4 under progress: MUDA Commissioner

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (PM&DM)- Days after the Urban Development Department wrote a letter to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) directing it to remove B-Kharab classification of 354.29 ½ acres of land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41, on which land Siddartha Nagar, J.C. Nagar, K.C. Nagar, Income Tax and Alanahalli Layouts have been formed by MUDA and CITB, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh said that the process of removing B-Kharab classification in respect of the land of these five Layouts is underway.

The MUDA Commissioner's statement comes after K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas had said on Saturday that the property owners in these five Layouts can get land records such as Mutation and Khata Registration from the MCC starting from Aug. 3.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* D.B. Natesh said that following an order by the then Deputy Commissioner (DC) in 2015, the Tahsildar had marked as B-Kharab in the RTC (Land record) concerning the five Layouts. Now as the Government has ordered removal of B-Kharab classification, the process of removing the same has too begun at the Tahsildar level and all correspondence with the Government in this regard has ended.

Once the process of removal of B-Kharab classification ends, the MUDA will write to the MCC saying it can go ahead with the issuance of land records such as Khata Registration, Khata Transfer, Plan approval, stipulation of property Tax, CR etc., to the property owners in the five layouts, he said and added that the residents can get the land records from the MCC after MUDA completes its job.

Unscientific UGD works 'Quarantine'

Saraswathipuram 6th Main Road residents

Even an ambulance cannot be summoned in emergencies amidst pandemic, fears an elderly citizen

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (MK&KS)- Unscientific Underground Drainage (UGD) works has forcibly 'quarantined' the residents of Saraswathipuram 6th Main Road as they are unable to come out of their houses or even take out their vehicles for work or during emergencies.

Just a couple of minutes of rain is enough to convert this dug up road in MCC Ward No. 47 into a slushy mess resembling a paddy field. The earth moving machine, which has been deployed to dig a trench on the road has dumped the excavated earth in front of houses and has allegedly damaged drinking water pipeline, telephone and underground power cables.

Such an unscientific work taken up on the nearly 100 mts long road about two weeks ago has forced the residents to stay indoors as the excavated mud is dumped right in front of the gates of the houses which are mostly occupied by senior citizens. Not only is the road now un-motorable, it is not even fit to walk on since about 15 days.

RESIDENTS FEAR HEALTH EMERGENCY

A senior citizen, who wished to remain anonymous said that the works of laying new pipes has been going on since 15 days for which the earth moving machine had dug up a nearly 8 feet deep trench and the excavated mud is dumped right in front of the gates forcing the residents to stay indoors. It is very difficult to step out to purchase daily needs and even medicines, the senior citizen said and added that slush was entering the houses due to rains.

But the biggest fear is for the senior citizens on the road who in these pandemic times may need ambulance services and no motorised vehicle can enter the road.

Many residents alleged that not even a small pathway is made for them to go out of their houses for purchase of vegetables as vendors are unable to bring their carts on this road.

They alleged that ever since the road was dug up in an unscientific manner, they have been calling the area Corporator and the MLA many times asking them to visit the spot and instruct the workers to at least make a pathway for them to move around but their pleas have fallen on deaf ears and no action taken till date.

The residents said that many have slipped and fallen down when they stepped out of their gates to purchase medicines and added that the civic authorities may be waiting for the residents to fall and break their bones to take necessary action.

Some concerned citizen groups are considering filing "negligence in public works" case against the contractor.

Former CM's house at Ramakrishnanagar, farm house at T. Katur disinfected

Family members, primary contacts undergo swab tests

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (MTY&KS) - Following former Chief Minister (CM) Siddharamaiah testing positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) yesterday, the MCC team led by Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj has disinfected the house of the former CM at Ramakrishnanagar here this morning besides spraying disinfectant on the road and the surroundings of the house.

Also, the road in front of the house has been barricaded to prevent people from venturing near the house. The CM's farm house at T. Katur in the taluk, where Siddharamaiah stayed two days ago and played chess with his grandson has also been disinfected and the family members, cooks, gardeners and other primary contacts have been subjected to swab tests and have been asked to be under home quarantine.

Hotels become COVID Care Centres

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RKB&SD) - With a lot of homes not having enough rooms to isolate COVID- positive patients, hotels have started offering rooms to be converted into exclusive COVID Care Centres for non-critical and asymptomatic patients.

Addressing a press meet at Mysore Hotel Owners Association premises in Krishnamurthypuram this morning, Vice President of Mysuru Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) Dr. G. Siddesh said, "A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Mysore Hotel Owners Association and MAHAN enabling hotels in Mysuru to offer over 3,000 rooms to accommodate COVID-19 patients.

As a first step from tomorrow, ten budget hotels and four star Hotels in city are offering beds for asymptomatic patients. There are two seven-day packages of Rs. 4,000 per day in a budget hotel and Rs. 6,000 per day in a star hotel. The packages would include seven days of stay in any designated hotel, food and beverages as specified by dieticians, 24x7 nursing care and monitoring, medications and tele-medical consultation facility with frequent monitoring of vitals for early recognition of deteriorating symptoms. Also, 24x7 ambulance services will be available for our customers."

" The number of positive cases have been increasing in recent days. As home isolation is the norm these days, many homes may not have the facilities to keep a COVID patient and there is a risk of the virus spreading to other members of the family in case there are no exclusive quarantine rooms in houses. Such people can opt for a stay in hotels for treatment and day-to-day care. This is to handle asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic patients who do not need critical care and cannot isolate at home. If complications arise, patients will be shifted to the hospital. The District Administration and the Health Department has given its nod for this arrangement," he added.

President of Mysore Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda, MAHAN Secretary H.R. Abhijit, R. Basavaraj, Ravindra Bhat and Raghavendra Tantri were present at the press meet this morning.

PM Modi to spend nearly 3 hours in Ayodhya tomorrow

Mohan Bhagwat to be 'special guest'

New Delhi, Aug.4- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will spend nearly three hours in Ayodhya tomorrow (Aug. 5) for the 'karya prambh' (ground breaking) ceremony for the Ram Temple. RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat will be a "special guest" at the event.

Modi will offer prayers at noon at the makeshift temple where the Ram Lalla deity is currently placed, spending about 10-12 minutes there, as per the details of his itinerary emerging now. The chief priest of the temple, Mahant Satyendra Das, will not be present on the occasion as he is in quarantine, after two other priests tested positive for COVID-19 last week.

The PM will plant a night-blooming jasmine in the Ram Janmabhoomi premises and take a walk till the point where the garbhagriha (sanctum sanctorum) of the temple is to come up. He will conduct the 'bhoomi pujan' at the new temple's site between 12.30 pm and 12.40 pm — an auspicious time as per 'abhijit muhurat'.

Narendra Modi

Mohan Bhagwat

A formal 75-minute-long function will follow with Modi, Bhagwat and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing the attendees from a stage next to the site.

Gym owners get ready to re-open from Aug. 5

Mysuru, Aug.4 (MK&DM)- The Mysuru District Gym and Fitness Centres Association has said that all Gym and Fitness Centres in the district will re-open from tomorrow (Aug.5).

Speaking to *'Star of Mysore'* this morning, Association President Harsha said that the city and district has over 250 gyms and fitness centres providing direct or indirect employment to over 2,000 people. Pointing out that over 45,000 people visit the centres daily, he said that almost all centres have regular customers having 2-year and 1-year membership. Maintaining that gyms and fitness centres play a crucial role in the health and physical well-being of the people, Harsha said that people need not fear to visit the centres as all COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures such as sanitisation, physical distancing, wearing of face masks will be strictly followed.

Stating that gym owners have been demanding re-opening ever since the Government started announcing relaxations of lockdown rules, he reassured that the gyms have utmost concern for the health and safety of the citizens and as such the people can visit without fear.

City Yoga centres awaiting State Government guidelines

With the Centre allowing Yoga Centres also to re-open from tomorrow (Aug.5), Yoga centres of city are awaiting guidelines from the State Government and the District administration.

Speaking to *'Star of Mysore'* this morning, Srihari of GSSS Foundation, who is also the President of Mysuru Yoga Federation, said that there are about 400 yoga training centres in city, where thousands from across the country and abroad are undergoing training. Pointing out that though the Centre has announced that it would allow re-opening of Yoga Schools from Aug.5, with conditions such as sanitisation, physical distancing and 50 percent student strength, Srihari said that they are awaiting detailed guidelines from the State Government and the District administration, which is expected by this evening, following which a decision on re-opening will be taken.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam issues flood warning

4,750 cusecs water released from Harangi yesterday.

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The DC has urged the villagers residing in the downstream of the river to move to safer places along with their livestock as a precautionary measure.

CNNL Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Molagavi, speaking to *SOM* this morning said that 16,000 cusecs of water has been released from the Kabini reservoir this morning from the four crest gates of the reservoir.

Continuing, he said that following heavy rains in Waynad in neighbouring Kerala, Kabini reservoir is receiving 16,000 cusecs inflow which may go up to 20,000 by today evening and added that as a precautionary measure 16,000 cusecs is released which may go up depending on the inflow.

The AEE further said that last year a total of 1.25 lakh cusecs were released from the dam which had resulted in damage to one of the gates which was repaired later. This year, to prevent any such problems, all the four gates have been maintained regularly, he added.

Chief Engineer Shankaregowda, Superintending Engineer Chandrakumar, Executive Engineer Sujatha, Assistant Engineer Ramesh Babu, Gate Operator Nagaraju and others were present.

Harangi Dam full: Water released

Following copious rains across Kodagu district, over 4,750 cusecs of Cauvery water has been released yesterday from the Harangi Dam in Kodagu district following heavy inflow in the region.

The four crest gates of Harangi Dam in Somwarpet Taluk have been opened releasing water to the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya district.

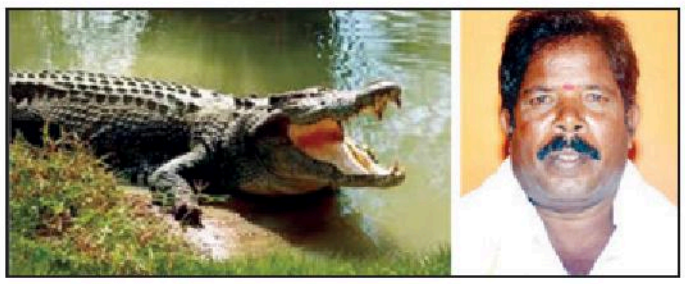
The maximum level of the Harangi Dam is 2,859 ft and the Dam recorded 2,856.61 ft water on Monday. Harangi Dam Assistant Executive Engineer Mahendra has informed that 3,750 cusecs of water is being released through the four crest gates and over 1,000 cusecs of water is released to the canals.

Kodagu district had less than 10 mm (1 cm) rains since the past 10 days, but the region is witnessing heavy rains from Aug. 2. Rains in the last week of July were below normal, but over the last 24 hours, the district recorded an average rainfall of 50.92 mm.

Last year, on the same day, it was 19.11 mm. Since January this year, the region has received 873 mm of rains compared to 836.72 mm rains during the same period last year.

Farmer falls prey to crocodile

Villagers bring back half-eaten corpse of farmer



Saragur, Aug. 4 (Nagesh& KS)- A farmer falling prey to a crocodile and the croc partially devouring the farmer's body has been reported from Kapila River near K. Belthur village yesterday.

The deceased farmer is Shankaranayaka (56) of K. Belthur village. The deceased on Monday early morning had gone to the banks of the river to attend nature's call when the crocodile attacked him and dragged him into the river.

Villagers, who went near the spot, saw the crocodile devouring the body of Shankaranayaka on the island of the river and chased the crocodile. They later retrieved the half-eaten body.

The deceased leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Accident victim succumbs

Srirangapatna, Aug. 4 (OSR)- A 52-year-old man, who was seriously injured in a road accident when a car hit him near Vontikoppal Traffic Signal Lights in Mysuru on July 26 and admitted to a private hospital, has succumbed to injuries at the hospital.

Boregowda

The deceased is Boregowda, who was serving as an outsourced employee at the Task Force Division of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam since 21 years and was a resident of Naganahalli in Mysuru taluk.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

New COVID Test Centre at Town Hall

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To check whether the person being tested is giving correct contact information, as some people are deceiving officials by giving wrong phone numbers and address to dodge quarantine and isolation rules, swab-collection centre at Town Hall has introduced new set of rules for getting tested.

Foolproof system

As soon as the person with symptoms walks in for testing, staff members at the help desk collect the name, age, address, phone number and other necessary information from patients. **During registration process, the person would get an OTP number sent to his phone number, to ensure that the phone number is valid.** Other staff members then would collect swab samples from the patient according to protocol, only after confirming OTP number sent to the patient.

Over 100 persons had voluntarily walked in to the New COVID Test Centre at Town Hall on the first day itself. In view of the rise in number of positive cases in the region as well as the rainy season with accompanying high humidity levels causing increase in number of patients with symptoms such as cough, cold and flu, people including pourakarmikas and staff members of Mysuru City Corporation are voluntarily visiting this new centre for testing.

Unlike private hospitals where cost of testing would be available for Rs. 4,500, the testing done is here is free for public. Compared to the crowded hospitals and testing centres, persons with symptoms need not worry about fear of infection at the Town Hall, which has enough open space and is located at the centre of the city.

Ex-Corporator M. Shivanna and his wife visited the centre yesterday and voluntarily provided samples for testing. Many local Congress leaders from city were also seen visiting the centre yesterday.

A nurse working in Saraswathipuram Primary Health Centre (PHC) who had come for testing said, "I have recently completed my quarantine period. As I have a 2-year-old son at home, to ensure myself that I do not have infection, I have come here voluntarily to get tested."

Other than Town Hall COVID Test Centre, people can also visit KR Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Bodyguard Lane PHC at Jockey Quarters, J.P. Nagar PHC, Krishnamurthypuram PHC and designated COVID Hospitals for free of cost and also visit designated private hospitals.

Obituary

Dr. S. Subramanyam

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Dr. S. Subramanyam (94), city's well-known Dermatologist and a resident of Brindavan Extension, 1st Stage, passed away yesterday at his residence due to age related ailments.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Dr. Subramanyam served as the Government Health Officer and later at JSS Hospital.

He was also the recipient of Mother Teresa and District Awards.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

M. Niranjan Murthy

M. Niranjan Murthy (57), proprietor of Sharath Medicals and Agency and a resident of Sharadadevi Nagar 6th Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Ayarahalli in the taluk this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Vande Bharat beats China, COVID

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

India's view of, and dealings with, China are becoming curiouser and curiouser. Suddenly we are told that dozens of Chinese apps have been banned. Reasons cited include security and privacy. How come these became issues only now? For long China, like all other topics, has been a provider of opportunities for our Prime Minister to display his showmanship; remember his donning South Indian *veshti* and *angavastram* for a meeting with Xi Jinping? All that is forgotten now.

About two months ago our Government decided to put import restrictions on Chinese goods. More recently some 200 proposals China had put forward for investment were held up for "security clearance." After the Ladakh clash that killed 20 Indian soldiers, these were seen as political - strategic moves. Why were economic realities never a factor in India's relations with China? Lazy India became dependent on hard-working China for even everyday items.

Consider the situation that developed as a result of this approach. Our smart-phone market is dominated by China. The "Made in India" tag on some phones is a patriotic lie; it only means "assembled" in India. Radial tyres for trucks, power equipment, electronic components for the metros in our big cities, all come from China. Why? Even if this is understandable to some extent, why is it that our Ganesha idols have to be imported from China? Why do our Diwali crackers come from China?

This rather humiliating situation should have woken up our leaders long ago. But there are some hard realities behind the slumber. Perhaps the most noteworthy is the cleverness with which China massaged our ego and diverted our attention. Look at its almost unnatural interest in Gujarat. Its investments in Gujarat in the last five years add up to an impressive Rs.43,000 crore. The Chinese association of small and medium enterprises has secured the contract for an industrial plant in Dholera Smart City. Its Great Wall Motors Company has drawn up plans to invest Rs. 7,000 crore in a mega vehicle manufacturing plant in Gujarat. Other Chinese enterprises have also got involved in various projects in Gujarat.

Which leader from Gujarat would fail to notice with appreciation this level of interest by a foreign country? To drive it further home, the shrewd Chinese picked some politically important platforms for special consideration. Through high-fashion companies like Oppo and Xiaoma, they gave Rs. 49 crore to PM-CARES Fund which, as of now, is not subject to any auditing systems in the country. They also drew up plans to set up a Chinatown in Gujarat. (Chinatowns are cultural magnets with which the Chinese attract people across the world. The Chinatowns in New York and San Francisco are living bits of China's heart with which local people identify in toto.)

Chineseness has another characteristic that is unique. While Indians in London try to become as English as the English, the Chinese remain

Chinese inside and outside. What is part of their culture they will never shed. Their notions about India with which they have problems of the bristling kind, are deeply entrenched. India has learned that China is a hard bargainer, unused to yielding an inch even as it expects others to yield a yard.

Add to this their latent disdain for Indians. They have disdain for all non-Chinese though they do not show it. With India they don't mind showing a bit of it. A recent Facebook post by a Chinese citizen was typical. "Even if Chinese people want to boycott Indian products, they can't really find many Indian goods. Indian friends, you need to have some things that are more important than nationalism."

Obviously he was aware of India's dependence on China even for toys and drugs. So what do we do? Switching to the US will be a fool's errand. Our great nationalist leaders should ask why India is in a situation where it has to depend either on China or on the US to sustain itself. They are ever boastful about India's capabilities, but they don't seem to know how to promote domestic enterprise so that we don't have to be at the mercy of others for our everyday needs.

Perhaps the mistake is with observers like me — that we do not see things in the right perspective. Perhaps the only fact that matters is that our Prime Minister is strong and his Government is firmly entrenched, that he has got COVID and Galwan under his grip and that the sun is shining bright. A mild *Vande Bharat* shout will be in order.

SNIFF OUT THE 'G' WORDS

L	A	R	E	N	E	G	G
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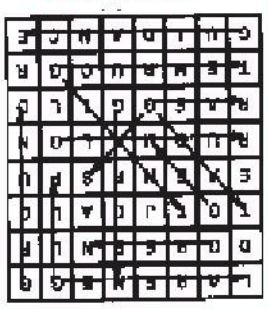
T	G	T	J	D	A	L	O
E	A	E	N	R	S	P	U
R	U	O	M	A	L	G	N
R	A	E	G	G	I	L	D
T	E	M	R	U	O	G	R
G	U	I	D	A	N	C	E

Can you find all the words starting with G in the puzzle? You must look up, down, left, right and diagonally to find them.

The words to look for are:

GARDEN
GAS
GEAR
GEM
GENERAL
GIANT
GLAMOUR
GOAT
GOURMET
GREEN
GROUND
GUIDANCE
GULP

Solution



PAWS FOR A RIDDLE

What did the wig say to the head?

"I've got you covered."

What happens to tyres when they get old?

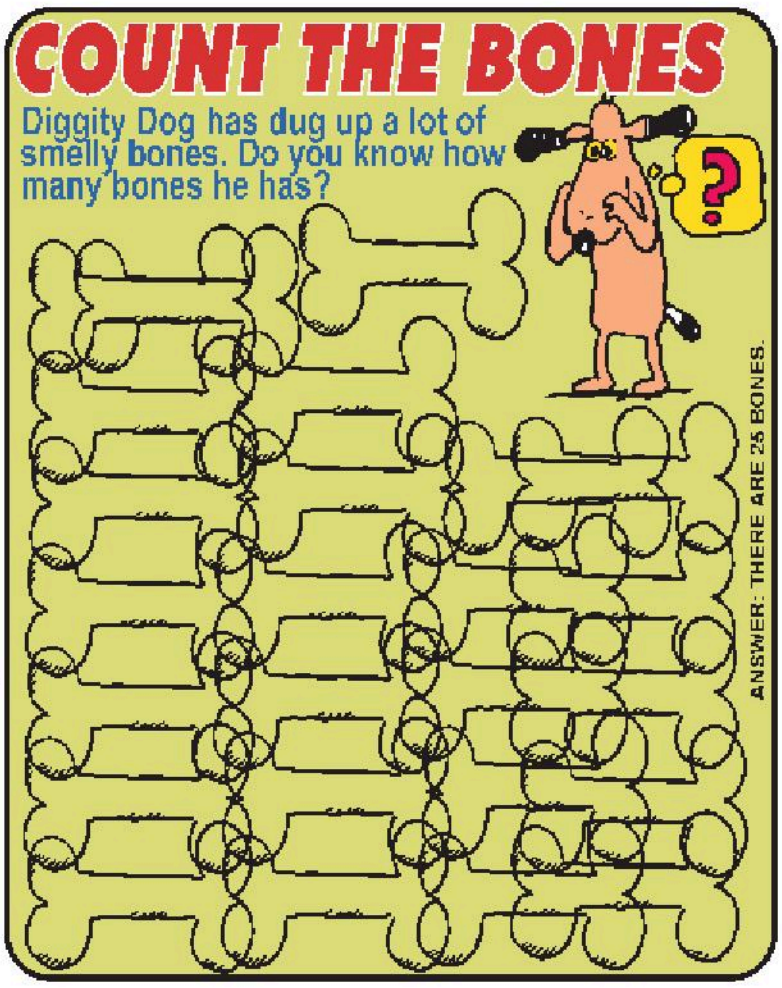
They are retired.

How do you keep a monster from smelling?

Cut off his nose!

COUNT THE BONES

Diggity Dog has dug up a lot of smelly bones. Do you know how many bones he has?



ANSWER: THERE ARE 25 BONES.

At MCC Council meeting, Corporators oppose Power Cable Laying works

Mysuru, Aug.4 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council meeting on Monday saw many Corporators criticising CESC (Chamundeshwari Electric Supply Company) for what they called unscientific laying of underground power cables.

Raising his voice against the works, Corporator V. Ramesh claimed that the work was unscientific and that the CESC authorities are digging the roads and laying power cables without ensuring safety of the people.

Stating that CESC has given contract to a private company to lay underground power cables, Ramesh alleged that the company has flouted all norms by laying cables along water pipelines and around Underground Drainages (UGDs).

Maintaining that despite repeated complaints, the authorities are reluctant to set right the issue, Ramesh alleged that the cables were laid without informing the MCC authorities.

The Corporator, who was joined by Sunanda Palanetra and M.U. Subbaiah reminded that CESC had registered a complaint against the MCC authorities as power cables were damaged during UGD and water pipeline maintenance works. They demanded that unscientific works be stopped immediately and top MCC officials be assigned for ensuring that.

After hearing the Corporators, Mayor Tasneem said that an appropriate decision will be taken after discussions with MCC and CESC officials.

Appointments illegal

The Corporators also took severe exception to the appointment of 106 employees on contract basis, without permission of the Council. Maintaining that the MCC's appointments were illegal, the Corporators demanded cancellation of the contract tender and to invite a fresh one.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that MCC had appointed employees to work at Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) and at other water pumping stations. Pointing out that a total of 106 employees were appointed through a fresh tender, he said that earlier, 68 of them were working under sub-contract for several years, which was illegal. As such, a fresh tender was called and 38 additional staff were appointed, he said and added that water supplies may be hit if they are terminated now.

The Mayor said the issue will be placed before Works Committee for a suitable decision.

Corporator and former Mayor Ayub Khan raised the issue of straightening the curved stretch of the road on Naguvinahalli road. Pointing out that after the then District Minister G.T. Devegowda had directed the PWD to take up road straightening work at the deep curved stretch of Naguvinahalli road, he said that the MCC must give approval for handing over 2,100 sq.mts of land necessary for the works.

Mayor Tasneem said that the MCC was willing to give necessary land and she would write a letter to the PWD in this regard.

Burial grounds

Corporator Begum Pallavi, displaying an empty box, alleged that the MCC was not allotting any funds for the development of burial grounds in the city. Urging the MCC authorities to sanction funds for development of crematoriums and burial grounds, she said that she would be forced to go on a public fund collection drive if the MCC failed to release funds.

Several Corporators wondered how Begum Pallavi could bring a box to the Council Hall, when they are not even allowed to carry a newspaper along with them. Defending herself, Pallavi said that she had not brought the box for her own sake, but for the cause of the people, who are seeking proper maintenance of burial grounds. Mayor Tasneem, who intervened, assured of doing the needful and directed her to leave the box outside.

Wheel chairs, sewing machines lying idle

Sunanda Palanetra said that wheel chairs and sewing machines purchased a year ago have not yet been distributed to the beneficiaries.

Claiming that the equipment are getting rusted at the godown, she urged the authorities to distribute them among the beneficiaries at the earliest.

Community Hall

Corporator B.V. Manjunath alleged misuse of money in the construction of a Community Hall in N.R. Assembly segment and wanted the Government to order a probe in this regard.

Questioning the MCC's move to construct an exclusive Community Hall for the physically challenged, Corporator P. Vedavathi wanted the MCC to utilise the funds in a more appropriate manner by extending facilities to the deserving. Opposition leader M.U. Subbaiah said now that the MCC is earning revenues through property tax collection, the civic body should sanction Rs.50 lakh to each Ward for taking up development works.

Corporators claim huge losses in running of Indira Canteens

Claiming that the MCC was losing lakhs of rupees in the running of Indira Canteens due to improper monitoring, BJP members led by senior Corporator Sunanda Palanetra questioned the expenditure incurred in the running of the canteens.

Pointing out that there are 11 Indira Canteens in the city, Sunanda said that the MCC is releasing Rs.40-50 lakh to each Canteen and wondered where all the money was going when fewer people are visiting the canteens following the outbreak of COVID.

Corporator Shivakumar pointed out that the MCC was spending money for the running of Indira Canteens, which is a Government funded project and wanted the MCC to install an exclusive software for monitoring the running and maintenance of Indira Canteens.

Health Officer Dr. Jayanth said that the Canteen contractor has been paid bill only till February and the MCC has curtailed payment of Rs.50 lakh following directions from the Commissioner.

Asserting that a computer token system and CCTV cameras have been installed for monitoring the number of people getting food from the Canteen, he said that Health Inspectors and Environment engineers will scrutinise the camera recordings to ascertain the number of food plates served to the people.

Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that less number of people have been visiting Indira Canteens after the outbreak of the deadly virus. Asserting that payment has been made only till February, he said that the balance money will be released to the Contractor only after the scrutiny of CCTV footages.

Earlier, the meeting condoled the death of 20 martyred soldiers who died in border skirmishes with China recently, by observing a two-minute silence. The meeting also paid rich tributes to renowned writer Geetha Nagabhushan who passed away at Kalaburagi recently.

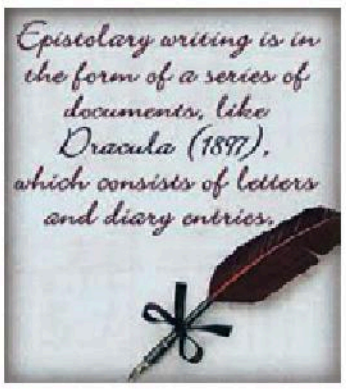
Takes oath: Newly elected BJP Corporator from Ward-18 (Yadavagiri) B.V. Ravindra who won the by-polls held earlier this year, took oath of office in the name of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, Corporators and other officials were present at the meeting.

WORD OF THE DAY

Epistolary

Pronunciation: ih-PIST-uh-lair-ee.


Epistolary writing is in the form of a series of documents, like Dracula (1897), which consists of letters and diary entries.

Meaning: Of, relating to, or suitable to a letter; contained in or carried on by letters; written in the form of a series of letters.

Origin: Epistolary was formed from the noun epistle, which refers to a composition written in the form of a letter to a particular person or group. In its original sense, epistle refers to one of the 21 letters (such as those from the apostle Paul) found in the New Testament. Epistle came to English in the 13th century, via Anglo-French and Latin, from the Greek noun epistolē, meaning "message" or "letter." Epistolē, in turn, came from the verb epistellein, meaning "to send to" or "to send from." Epistolary appeared in English four centuries after epistle and can be used to describe something related to or contained in a letter (as in "epistolary greetings") or composed of letters (as in "an epistolary novel").

Example: "Jonathan Franzen, with whom he had struck up an epistolary friendship, offered to get together that April when he was in Boston." — D. T. Max

THE ODD WORD

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PHRASE OF THE DAY

The early bird catches the worm

Meaning: Success comes to those who prepare well and put in effort; show up early to get the best of the stock; to get better deals because you got there sooner.

Origin: This is first recorded in John Ray's A collection of English proverbs 1670, 1678:
"The early bird catcheth the worm."
Clearly, the title of the work indicates that this was considered proverbial even in the 17th century. The phrase is in an advisory tone which asks people to act immediately and arrive early in order to get the best of things. In the era of competition, there are usually a lot of people that turn up for good deals. This means that the people arriving early get the better of the deal and have a better stand point advantage. The metaphor comes from the fact that those birds that start their flight early have access to more worms than those who start late.

QUOTE BOX

In order to see birds it is necessary to become a part of the silence.

— Robert Lynd

RIDDLE THIS

What can't be put in a saucepan?

Answer :It's lid.

SUDOKU

6							1	
	2	7	9					
					2	8		
	4		3		5	9		
	5						3	
		3	6		1		7	
		2	1					
					6	2	5	
	8							4

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	4	8	7	2	6	3	1
1	8	7	3	4	6	5	9	2
3	2	6	5	9	1	8	7	4
5	6	9	2	1	8	7	4	3
8	3	1	7	5	4	9	2	6
4	7	2	9	6	3	1	5	8
2	9	3	6	8	5	4	1	7
7	4	8	1	3	9	2	6	5
6	1	5	4	2	7	3	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Figure skater Midori
4 A mischievous child
7 India's melody queen
11 Local Area Network, abbr.
12 Display Electronics Unit
13 Sultanate of ___ : Muscat is its capital?
14 Looks at
17 Cudgels or clubs; sticks
18 Father of India's nuclear programme (4,6)
20 Descent with sweeping rush
22 Roomy or breezy
23 Distant, not near
24 Requirements
27 Make certain
31 Attic
33 Storehouse
34 Greek vowel
35 Exclaims in amazement, joy, or surprise
37 Defeats, gets the better of
39 Golden ___ : graceful dogs of the pointer family?
42 Low dam
43 Cowering, shrinking or wincing
46 ___ down : diminish little by little?
47 Greeting from ancient Romans?
48 __ de plume : a writer's pen-name?
49 Oak for example
50 ____ Hoad : tennis great of days gone by?
51 Acquire or receive

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	N	G	■	L	A	B	S	■	M	L	C
I	G	O	R	■	M	L	I	I	■	Y	O	U
S	E	T	A	■	S	T	A	N	D	S	U	P
A	D	E	P	T	■	■	S	E	T	T	■	■
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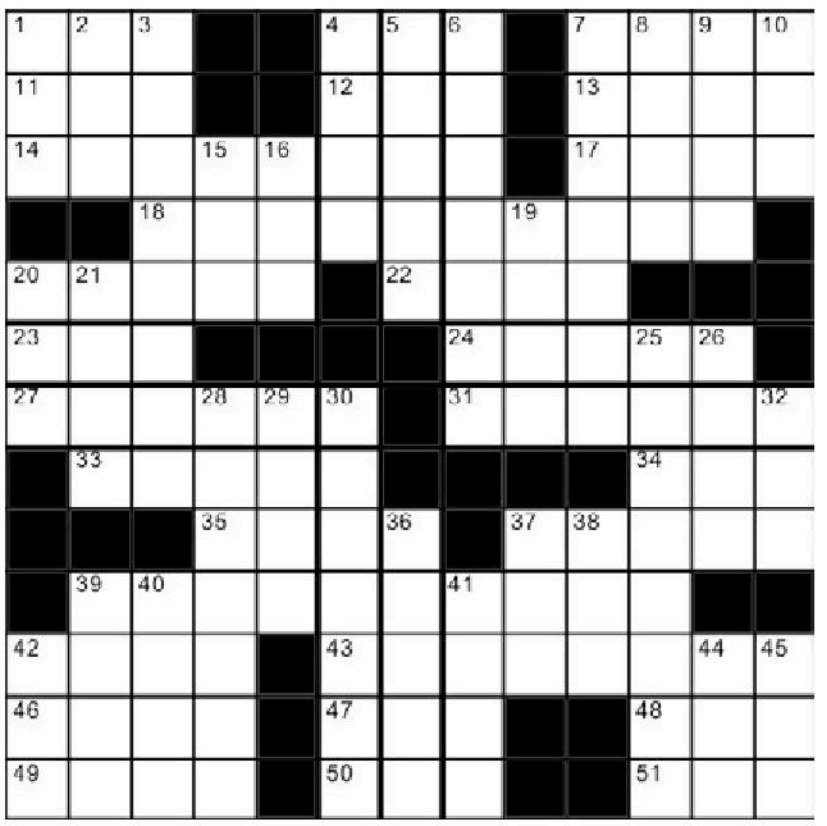
S	K	Y	■	L	E	A	N	■	Y	O	U	R

DOWN

1 The French for 'island'
2 Name of a river and loch in Scotland
3 __ __ town: a very small place? (3,5)
4 S. Indian snack
5 Peach ___ : ice-cream and fruit dessert?
6 Persuading, pressing or urging
7 One who urges or procures the passage of a bill, by soliciting hard for it
8 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
9 Cheerio! (2-2)
10 Responses abbreviation
15 Cry of disapproval
16 Unit of current
19 Extent of a surface
20 Seller-Furnished Equip.
21 Magical stick
25 Putting on clothes
26 The badger's home is called this
28 In trouble, in a way? (2,1,4)
29 Animal noise
30 Moral
32 True Air Speed, abbr.
36 Be of use
37 __ Hur: Oscar winning movie ?
38 Unit of energy
39 The hindmost part
40 Republic of Ireland
41 Range of vision
42 waypoint
44 Notice of exception, abbr.
45 Greenwich Mean Time



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L ULQ'M KJJC MZIDYF NJ VYLQCJF RQ ZRM WIDQCAE,

NDC ZRM JEJM MZIDYF MDABJE CZJ PIAYF.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.

In spite of COVID-19 pandemic, achieves Best Placement record

Mysuru, Aug.4- In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Mysuru, has achieved the Best Placement records for its 2019-20 outgoing batch. NIE-IT had arranged placement drives by a wide range of recruiters with a total 137 offers made with the highest package of Rs. 10 lakh per annum.

A total of 84 companies visited for Campus recruitment out of which 30 companies offered packages more than Rs. 5 lakh per annum.

Dr. Bansilal, Principal, NIE-IT said "Placement and Training Cell of NIE-IT takes initiatives to provide adequate soft skill and aptitude training to students to enable them to have better employability skills. Offering of Mock Interviews to students by Alumni, senior students or by employers (if available), helps them learn how to answer questions, develop interview strategies, improve communication skills and reduce stress and anxiety of interviews by boosting their confidence before an actual job interview. Recruiter feedback from various industries is collected which is a very important activity to design the training needs of students, and also academic delivery to meet the expectations of industry. Most employers seek career-ready graduates who have been equipped with prior experiences and skills in a given field. Hence NIE Institute of Technology also arranges internships for 70-80% of students with the support of faculty, Training and Placement Cell and Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC)". The recruitment is still going on.

Last year's placement statistics: Number of companies visited - 48, Number of offers - 143, Highest pay package - Rs. 7.5 lakh per annum, Average pay package - Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum.

For more details about placement, contact Dr. Bansilal on Mob: 99868-77202, according to a press release.

Young Indians, Mysuru Chapter holds virtual hackathon

Inauguraladdresswasby PavanRanga, Vice-Chairman, CIIMysuru and valedictory address by Amit Kumar, Chairman, CII Mysuru.

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Young Indians (Yi), Mysuru Chapter, for the first time, had organised a virtual 24-hour hackathon "InnovIndia-2020 — Challenging Young Minds" on July 31 and Aug. 1. This event was open to all Yi Chapters across India and a total of 65 teams participated. The problem statement related to the current pandemic situation on preparing app, website or prototype of the product.

The topics were: Social distancing app, Tracking & tracing fake news, Statistical data analysis of COVID +ve patients/ symptoms, Identification of COVID-19 symptoms, Device used to detect COVID 19, Application for migrant workers, Attendance using face recognition in a class room with single click, Food safety & delivery, Design an app for paperless examination screening system for semester exam, Build a voice based form filling application in which voice gets recognized and converted into text, COVID patient's vehicle movement history tracking app.

A total of 35 teams from Mysuru Colleges participated and presented their ideas and prototypes to the jury. Two teams won internship offers from this event at companies in Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Besides 8 cities of Yi also participated in this virtual event along with Yi Mysuru and these 8 winners will be given a chance to pitch their idea and showcase their prototypes in front of a venture capitalist and become future entrepreneurs. The winning team from Mysuru — Change Maker and Hypertext Assassins — demonstrated their prototype on Attendance using face recognition in a class room with single click & Build a voice based form filling application in which voice gets recognised and converted into text respectively.

The core team at Yi, Mysuru was represented by Dr. M. Pradeep, Chapter Chair, Nikhil P. Koundinya, Co-chair - Yi Mysuru, Smita Tom - Chair Innovation, S.D. Sowmya - Chair - Yuva, S.R.S. Rahul, Co-chair - Yuva and Rohan Krishna, Chair - GAO, Yi Mysuru.

Yi Mysuru Chapter is the youth wing of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone.

Online Quiz on COVID awareness

Mandya, Aug. 4- To create awareness about COVID among the youths, the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) Student Chapter of P.E.S College of Engineering in collaboration with Youth Red Cross Wing of P.E.S College of Engineering, had organised an "Online Quiz competition on COVID Awareness" on July 29.

Principal Dr. H.V. Ravindra inaugurated the competition by uploading the questions to the Website. ISTE Chapter Chairman and Programme Officer of the Youth Red Cross Wing Dr. B.S. Shivakumara narrated the significance of the competition in today's context. Programme Officer of the Youth Red Cross Wing Dr. B. Shanmukha, ISTE Chapter Secretary Dr. M.N. Veena, Dr. B. Dinesh Prabhu, Dr. N. Jagadeesh, Dr. K. J. Mahendra Babu, Pooja Nagpal, Dr. S.R. Nayak, B.N. Harish, M. Sreenivas, B. S. Puttaswamy, student leaders Harish, Suhruth, Sunad and Pooja were present.

Students from various parts of the country participated in the competition. Prizes to the winners will be distributed on the occasion of "ISTE Day" and "World Red Cross Day" celebrations.

National-level Faculty Development Prog. on "Contemporary Scenario in Power Systems"

Mysuru, Aug. 4- The Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru, had organised a National-level One Week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Contemporary Scenario in Power Systems" from July 25 to 30 to encourage Researchers and Academicians.

The Resource persons were eminent Academicians, Researchers and Industry experts of prestigious organisations from India and USA. The objective of FDP was to discuss the concurrent issues on Electric Power System operation.

Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATMECE presided and said that COVID-19 pandemic has created a very good opportunity for Researchers and Academicians to interact with the Resource persons directly through virtual online platform. Dr. L. Parthasarathy, Organising Committee Chairman, Professor and Head, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, welcomed and said ATME College believes in imparting holistic education considering student community as the focal point of learning process.

Dr. K.N. Ravi , Professor and Head, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Sapthagiri College of Engineering, Bengaluru, Dr. Pradipkumar Dixit, Professor and Head, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, MSRIT, Bengaluru, Dr. K. Panduranga Vittal, Professor and Dean (AA&IR), Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, NITK, Surathkal, Dr. H. Santoshkumar, Professor, School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, REVA University, Bengaluru, Dr. Alok Kumar Bharati, PhD Intern, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) from Iowa State University (ISU), USA, B.T. Prakash Kumar, Ex. Chief Engineer and Director Technical, HESCOM, Dr. Ankit Singhal, Power System Research Engineer, Washington, USA, Dr. Dattatraya N. Gaonkar, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, NITK-Surathkal, Dr. G H Kulkarni, Professor, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Jain College of Engineering, Belagavi, Alfred Manohar, Director and Business Development Strategy, Esyasoft Technologies, Bengaluru, were the resource persons.

Performance of External insulation in Power transmission system and usage of polymeric insulator, Volt/Var Control in Distribution Systems using DERs and Role of T&D Interactions in Long-Term Voltage Stability under High Proliferation of DER, Smart Grid Operations and Control, Power System Earthing, Automated Metering Infrastructure etc were some of the key topics delivered during the week-long event.

The FDP received an overwhelming response from participants across the PAN India and there were exchange of ideas on the issues concerning the present power system operation. In the valedictory session, FDP report was presented by Dr. L. Parthasarathy.

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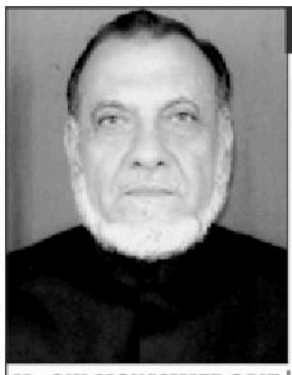

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